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1. According to OFFSPRING, Hans Bauer BERNAU & Gunther BACH and Walter GAIPEL, Werner GESCH, are members of the same OFFSPRING field agency. BERNAU was scheduled to contact KGB/NEC77 in the GDR, but the latter apparently came out before he could be used in a project.

2. BERNAU gives the following version of the incident. On the morning of 1 March 1980, BERNAU intended to meet his chief, GAIPEL, in Hotel zum Anker, Coburg. GAIPEL finally appeared, accompanied by a QIO officer who was wearing civilian clothes. The QIO officer asked BERNAU to identify himself. BERNAU was forced to produce a kennkarte bearing his real name, since he had not been supplied with a "phony." During the conversation which was conducted in a friendly fashion, the QIO officer asked BERNAU in what field he was working. BERNAU stated: "In the military field." He claims that he never stated he was obtaining information on the Fourth Soviet Elite Army.

3. In the fall of 1949 OFFSPRING tentatively planned to drop GRIPML. This was mentioned to an agent of QIO Selb. Later, however, a way was found to re-employ GAIPEL and his valuable net.

4. OFFSPRING has been questioned on the insecure conduct of their agents in this case and the alleged smuggling activities of GAIPEL.

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